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Booklist celebrates Black History Month

Booklist magazine, the review journal of the American Library Association (ALA), will celebrate Black History Month with a special February 15, issue.

The issue will offer features highlighting books and audiovisual materials by and about African-Americans including:

- o "Passion and Power: Books about Black Artists." This retrospective annotated bibliography, compiled by Donna Seaman, Booklist adult books assistant editor, will showcase books on individual artists as well as regional and chronological overviews and books on museum collections. Artists covered include Jacob Lawrence, Romare Bearden, Martin Puryear, Jean-Michael Basquiat and William H. Johnson. Reproductions from the books will be featured with the bibliography.
- o "The African-American Journey: From Slavery to Freedom." This bibliography gathers recent books for young people on slavery, resistance and the civil rights movement. The list is adapted from materials included in "Against Borders: Promoting Books for a Multicultural World," by Hazel Rochman, Booklist books for youth assistant editor, to be co-published by Booklist Publications and ALA Books in spring 1993.
- o "The Booklist Interview" will feature award-winning novelist Dorrie Sanders, author of "Clover" (Algonquin, 1991) and the soon-to-be-published "Her Own Place (Algonquin, 1993). Brad Hooper, Booklist adult books associate editor, will conduct the interview.
- o "Telling the Story: Documentaries about African-American History." This selective list of recent videos reviewed in Booklist serves as an update to "Shall We Overcome?," which appeared in the February 15, 1991, issue. The list was compiled by Irene Wood,

Booklist audiovisual media editor.

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- o "The Back Page," a regular column by Bill Ott, Booklist editor and publisher, will be devoted to excerpts from recently published fiction by and about African-Americans.

In addition to these features, the Black History issue will also include highlighted boxed reviews of current African-American materials.

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